



**Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
Decision and Reasons Summary**

Name: NASON, Norman	DOC#: 261754	Case Type: PAR	Date: 4/30/2024
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Note: This is a summary of the Decision and Reasons dated 5/20/2024, and should not be substituted for the full document.

**Decision:
Parolable**

Next Action: Submit an Offender Release Plan (ORP) for consideration. The Board may consider a cut in time.

Recommendations:

- **Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP), Community Phase**
- **Strong controls around alcohol use**
- **Strong controls around drug use**
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- **Electronic Monitoring**
- **Obtain Mental Health Counseling at the direction of the CCO.**



DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	NASON, Norman
DOC #:	261754
FACILITY:	Monroe Correctional Complex - WA State Reformatory
DATE OF HEARING:	April 30, 2024
TYPE OF HEARING:	.100
PANEL MEMBERS:	Jill Getty & Elyse Balmert
FINAL DECISION DATE:	May 20, 2024

I. DECISION/LEGAL STANDARD

This matter came before the above-named Board Members of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or the Board) for a .100 hearing in accordance with [RCW 9.95.100](#). This statute directs the Board to not release an individual unless in the Board's opinion his or her rehabilitation has been completed and he or she is a fit subject for release. Consequently, the Board finds Norman Nason **parolable**.

*Norman Nason will be referred to as Ms. Nason in this document as she prefers she/her pronouns.

The Spokane County Prosecutor recommended that the Board not release Ms. Nason in a letter dated June 30, 2020. The original recommendation from the Judge was 30 years and the Prosecutor was 99 years.

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II. JURISDICTION

Norman Nason is under the jurisdiction of the Board on a May 9, 1985 conviction in Spokane County Cause #79-1-00249-7 for Statutory Rape in the First Degree. The time start is May 9, 1985. The minimum term was set at 242 months from a Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) range of 41 to 54 months. The statutory maximum term is Life. Ms. Nason has served approximately 468 months in prison and 0 days of jail time during the initial period of confinement.

It should be noted that at the time of sentencing, Ms. Nason was also sentenced under Spokane County Cause #26679 Indecent Liberties and Spokane County Cause # 26680- Indecent Liberties. The Court ordered that the confinement time under all three cause numbers be served concurrently. The Indecent Liberties charges each had a ten year maximum term and expired in 1989.

III. LAST BOARD DECISION

Ms. Nason last appeared before the Board on April 5, 2022 in a .100 Hearing. At that time, she was found conditionally parolable to a Mutual Re-Entry Plan (MRP) and 36 months were added to her minimum term. The Board recommended that she remain infraction free and participate in any available re-entry or step-down programming.

IV. OFFENSE DESCRIPTION

On February 14, 1979, the two male victims, ages 5 and 7, were walking to school when they were approached by Ms. Nason (age 20). She asked the boys if they wanted a “check-up” and proceeded to take them into an alley behind a garage where she sexually assaulted the victims.

Ms. Nason was identified as a suspect, and when questioned by police admitted to sexually assaulting the boys.

V. OTHER RISK RELATED BEHAVIOR

Regarding cause #26679, Ms. Nason (at age 19) approached a 7-year-old boy on his way to school and coaxed him into accompanying Ms. Nason to a local business. Once at the business Ms. Nason took the boy into the restroom and sexually assaulted him. The boy was one hour late to school and was questioned by school authorities. However, he denied that any molestation had occurred. The victim disclosed the abuse to his family a few months later.

With regard to cause #26680, Ms. Nason (at age 18) approached an unknown 7-year-old boy and asked him if he wanted to earn some money. When the boy replied “No,” Ms. Nason took the boy by the arm and led him down some nearby stairs where she sexually assaulted the victim. The incident was witnessed by the victim’s sister, who reported it to their parents.

It appears that Ms. Nason was originally sentenced to the sex offender treatment program at Eastern State Hospital on the Indecent Liberties charges. However, she was unsuccessful with that program and was later remanded to DOC custody.

Ms. Nason reported being sexually abused beginning at the age of five and continuing through her childhood years at various foster homes. Later, while at a boy’s home, she began sexually assaulting and coercing younger males for sex, and also having consensual sex with males her age and younger. It was noted that her sex with younger boys hit its’ peak between her ages 17 and 20. Ms. Nason acknowledged over 300 incidents with younger boys/men and at least 75 victims prior to her incarceration at age 20. Most victims were between the ages of 5 and 14, and most incidents were never reported. She estimated that over 50 of the victims were neighborhood children that she offended while living with an uncle in Spokane, and that she used coercion, threats, and grooming techniques to facilitate her offending. In addition, she continued to engage in sexual behavior with other inmates/patients while confined at Eastern State Hospital and DOC. However, she has received no infractions for sexual misconduct or any other type of infraction since 2002.

VI. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

The Board considered the evidence presented at the hearing and reviewed **Norman Nason's** ISRB file. The hearing was audio recorded and will be retained per retention schedules. Testimony was provided by the following individuals: **Classification Counselor Larry Verlinda, and Norman Nason.**

The file review included the following documents:

- End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC) Reports: **Dated 11/29/16**
- Criminal case records: **J&S; Probable Cause Statements dated 5/9/85**
- Psychological Evaluations: **Forensic Psychological Evaluation (FPE) dated 2/26/22; Psychological Evaluation dated 11/21/21**
- DOC Treatment and behavioral reports dated: **Mental Health Encounter Report dated 11/8/23; Sex Offense Treatment and Assessment Program (SOTAP) Treatment Summary dated 11/16/16**
- Risk Assessments (Static, SOTIPS etc.):
 - **Static-99R** is an actuarial risk prediction instrument designed to estimate the probability of sexual and violent recidivism. It is the most widely used sex offender risk assessment instrument in the world.
 - **Stable-2007** is an empirically derived actuarial risk tool commonly used to assess treatment and supervision needs of sex offenders.
 - **Sex Offender Treatment and Intervention Progress Scale (SOTIPS)** used to assess risk, treatment and supervision needs, and progress among adult male sex offenders. It is reported combined SOTIPS/Static-99R scores have predicted sexual recidivism better than either instrument alone.
 - **Hare Psychopathy Checklist-REVISED (PCL-R)** indicates the extent to which the individual has psychopathic tendencies.
 - **Violence Risk Assessment Guide-Revised (VRAG-R)** is a 12-item actuarial scale designed to predict violent recidivism.
 - **HCR-20v3** is an instrument that organizes known risk factors into three categories: historical, clinical, and risk management. Using past, present, and future factors the HCR-20v3 assesses dynamic risk for recidivism.
- Findings and Conclusion (F&C), Prior Decision & Reasons (D&R): **D&R dated 4/25/22**
- DOC OMNI Records
- Other:

VII. FINDINGS

1. In preparation for this hearing, Norman Nason was advised of his hearing rights.

2. Norman Nason appeared by video conference. She was represented by attorney Darrel Lahtinen.
3. The Board has considered all potential Conditions of Supervision it may lawfully impose, including all identified by the End of Sentence Review Committee (ESRC), DOC psychological evaluations, and [RCW 9.94A.704](#). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - DRUG / ALCOHOL RESTRICTIONS
 - ELECTRONIC MONITORING
 - MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COMPLIANCE
 - PARTICIPATION IN DRUG/ALCOHOL TREATMENT
 - PARTICIPATION IN SEX OFFENSE TREATMENT
 - PROHIBITED CONTACTS
 - SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL
 - SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPHS
 - UNAPPROVED RELATIONSHIPS
4. The Board has considered the following evidence favorable to Norman Nason's release determination:
 - Treatment/Programming. **Institutional employment with positive work reviews; contacts with mental health services as needed; previously completed the SOTAP (2016).**
 - Protective factors. **No new serious infractions since 2002.**
 - Risk Assessment Scores. **Recent actuarial assessments estimate her risk to be low/moderate to moderate for sexual and violent recidivism.**
 - Other evidence: **Release plan to the Journey Project.**
5. The Board has considered evidence against Norman Nason's conditional release ([WAC 381-60-160](#)), examples of adequate reasons for a finding of non-parolability include, but are not limited to:
 - Active refusal to participate in available program or resources designed to assist and offender to reduce the risk of re-offense (e.g., anger management, substance abuse treatment).
 - Serious and repetitive disciplinary infractions during incarceration.

- Evidence of an inmate's continuing intent or propensity to engage in illegal activity (e.g., victim harassment, criminal conduct while incarcerated, continued use of illegal substances).
- Statements or declarations by the inmate that he or she intends to re-offend or does not intend to comply with conditions of parole.
- Evidence that an inmate presents a substantial danger to the community if released.
- Other: **Ms. Nason has been classified as a Level 3 for community notification.**

6. The Conditions of Supervision, and any favorable evidence noted above considered by the Board would sufficiently reduce the likelihood of Norman Nason committing new offenses because:

- **The FPE dated 2/26/22 indicated that Ms. Nason did not meet criteria as a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP). The evaluator opined that she was an average risk for sexual recidivism.**
- **The psychological evaluation dated 11/21/21 estimated Ms. Nason's risk for sexual recidivism to be moderate and her risk for violent recidivism to be low/moderate.**
- **She has successfully completed risk mitigating programs such as SOTAP and SUD treatment and has reportedly used the skills learned in those programs to manage her offense related arousal and other stressors. In addition, she will continue with sex offense treatment in the community.**
- **She has successfully managed herself in a less restrictive camp setting for several months. In addition, she has not received any serious infractions in many years, indicating that she may be capable of following conditions of community supervision.**
- **The proposed release plan would provide beneficial support and structure.**

7. Based on the requirements of [RCW 9.95.009\(3\)](#) and [RCW 9.95.100](#) and after weighing all of the totality of the evidence, including the community custody conditions and any favorable evidence noted above by the Board, the Board finds that Mr. Nason is parolable.

This was a deferred decision following a full Board discussion, using a structured decision-making framework that takes into consideration; the statistical estimate of risk, criminal history, parole/release history, ability to control behavior, responsivity to programming, demonstrated offender change, release planning, discordant information, and other case specific factors based on the requirements of [RCW 9.95.100](#).

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

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JG: vj

5/2/2024

cc: Facility: MCC-WSR-MSU
Norman Nason, Incarcerated Individual
File



TO: Full Board

FROM: **JG** (vj)

RE: NASON, Norman DOC # 261754

Panel recommends: **Parolable**

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Agree	Disagree
Lori Ramsdell-Gilkey, 5.20.2024 Jeff Patnode, 5.20.2024 Jill Getty, 5.20.2024 Kecia Rongen, 5.20.2024 Elyse Balmert, Not Present	